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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

JERUSALEM FOR ATHERTON USDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, XF, US
SUBJECT: PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 19445

1. IN MY MEETING WITH SADAT TODAY, I RAISED WITH HIM
DESIRABILITY OF A VISIT BY ROY ATHERTON EARLY NEXT WEEK
FOR SOME QUIET, EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH FONMIN KAMEL ABOUT
CURRENT STAGE OF MFA THINKING ON DRAFT DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES AND RELATED MATTERS. NOTING HIS COMMENT TO
ME OF YESTERDAY THAT HE DID NOT YET WANT US TO BEGIN A
FORMAL NEGOTIATION OF A DRAFT DECLARATION, I SAID WE
RESPECT THIS AND ARE AT THIS TIME THINKING SOLELY IN
TERMS OF INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF IDEAS. IF IT WERE AGREE-
ABLE TO HIM, I WOULD THEN DISCUSS IT WITH KAMEL.

2. SADAT SAID ATHERTON WILL BE WELCOME. HE SHOULD MEET
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WITH KAMEL FOR INFORMAL TALKS OF THE TYPE SUGGESTED.
SADAT, TOO, WILL WANT TO MEET WITH KAMEL AND ATHERTON,
BUT HE MADE A POINT THAT HE WILL NOT WISH TO ANNOUNCE
SUCH A MEETING. THE MEETING WITH KAMEL, SO FAR AS
SADAT WAS CONCERNED, COULD BE ANNOUNCED.

3. WITH SADAT'S CONCURRENCE IN HAND, I TELEPHONED FONMIN

KAMEL LATE THIS AFTERNOON TO SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY ROY ATHERTON EARLY NEXT WEEK FOR THE PURPOSES INDICATED REFTTEL. TOLD HIM I HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY WITH SADAT, WHO HAD AGREED. KAMEL SAID SUCH AN INFORMAL VISIT WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO HIM AS WELL. HE SUGGESTED TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK, I.E., JANUARY 31 OR FEBRUARY 1. NOTING HE IS BEING HAUNTED BY NEWSMEN, KAMEL ALSO WANTED TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF PUBLICITY WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SUCH A VISIT. WE AGREED THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ATHERTON TO ARRIVE WITHOUT THE PRESS KNOWING ABOUT IT. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT AND ATHERTON'S THOUGHTS ON THIS LATTER POINT AS WELL AS ATHERTON'S PREFERENCE FOR TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY DATE. EILTS

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